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SNAPSHOTS

A man who had quite a number of unmarried daughters was telling a young man how he had made his will so as to induce his daughters to marry. He said he had willed a thousand dollars to Mary, who was twenty-five years old, when she would marry; two thousand dollars to Sarah, who was thirty; three thousand dollars to Caroline, who was thirty-five, and five thousand to Becky, who was forty.

After thinking the thing over the young man asked, "You haven't a daughter about fifty, have you?"

A mother had been reproving her small boy for telling stories. She said he exaggerated things. Johnny looked out of the window and saw a dog that had been sheared all but its neck and head. "Mamma," he said, "see that Hon."

His mother looked out of the window and saw only a dog. She reprimanded him and sent him upstairs to pray God to forgive him. Pretty soon Johnny came downstairs again. His mother said: "Johnny, did God forgive you?"

"Yes," said Johnny, "but He said He didn't blame me much, for the dog had fooled Him two or three times."

ARE YOU AWARE

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the fact that each week they will be able to find bargains in the advertisements of the local merchants. They are trying to give you value for the money and by your support they will succeed and grow which will eventually bring down the cost of living for every family. Read every advertisement this week and see if there is anything that you are in need of and save money. This is the time to re-trench and bring down the cost of living to normal. Every dollar spent at home, gives you an opportunity to squeeze it again.

LOMITA NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. H. Johnson of West First street visited her daughter, Mrs. L. Misshelver, of Los Angeles on Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon Groves was presented with a new seven-passenger Dodge as a birthday present from her husband last Saturday.

Ulysses Peterson of South Narbonne is able to be about on crutches after suffering from a severe accident two weeks ago, when he was injured at the Union Tool Co., his right foot being badly mashed while at his work.

Mrs. Linnie McMillan of Long Beach was a week-end guest of Mrs. C. W. Perkins at the home of the latter's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pickering, of Brethren street, Lomita.

Mrs. L. E. Dawson visited her husband's sister, Mrs. Ella Laime, of Los Angeles, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris of Brethren street were Long Beach visitors last Sunday.

Willis & Floyd, of the auto repair shop on Twelfth street, San Pedro, both have purchased homes on 257th, Lomita.

The large refrigerator and pre-cooling floor cases have been installed in the Lomita Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nun of San Pedro and Mrs. J. C. Coffey of Lomita joined a bowling party in Redondo Beach Sunday, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

J. Williams will soon have completed his new four-room cottage on Pine street, which will be for rent.

Julius Van purchased an acre on Weston street of L. E. Dawson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willacy and son of Beacon street were guests at a musical entertainment at the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. Wayman of San Pedro Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willson will move into their new home on the corner of Eshleman and the Boulevard next week.

Jack Ross of Los Angeles, a recent arrival from Bisbee, Arizona, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Francis of Los Angeles were visitors in Lomita Sunday. They are building a new residence in East Flower street.

Mrs. R. C. Andre and son, William, and wife and daughter, Mrs. Nickolson, of Taft, were guests of Mrs. Andre's daughter, Mrs. Henry Kettler on Sunday.

William and James McDougall were guests on the battleship Mississippi Sunday, when a pleasant visit was made the latter's son, who was recently transferred to the Pacific coast from the Atlantic.

Mrs. A. E. Craig, sister of Mrs. F. W. Maisey, arrived Sunday morning from Chicago and will make her home here in Lomita.

WRITES FROM EUROPE

T. B. Guess and Bert Guess of Lomita have received an interesting letter from their mother, Mrs. L. A. Guess, from Paelata, Romania, where she is with a son who is interested in oil property there, where she arrived last March. Mrs. Guess sailed from the port of New York City on February 26, 1921, on the steamship "Aquitana," of the Cunard-S. S. Line, arriving at Cherbourg, France, March 4, thence to Southampton, England. The trip across the ocean took considerably longer than usual, as a roundabout course was pursued by the ship in order to avoid icebergs. However, the distance of 3198 nautical miles was made in five days, 19 hours and 38 minutes, or an average speed of 22.9 miles per hour. They sailed from New York at 1:45 p. m. on a Saturday afternoon, and as the last views of the dear old U. S. A. faded away in the distance, including the Statue of Liberty, a halo of sadness was felt among the passengers. The first lap of the trip was made with clear weather and fast sailing time was recorded. A lecture on board by Sir Ernest Shackleton of his expedition in quest of the North Pole was listened to with interest, as he related his experiences of the ship being crushed in the icebergs. Another fine day followed, with entertainment on the ship, with trapeze performances. Then a high wind arose. More sports upon the deck of the ship. Pillow fights, tug of war, the U. S. team winning two out of three; three-legged races, potato races, sack races, and in the evening dancing in the salon with fine orchestra.

The next day was windy and cloudy, and the old boat rocked viciously, with many passengers sea-sick. Did not go for my meal that day, and some of us missed a fine dinner and concert. Friday, March 4, we landed in Cherbourg, France, anchored outside with the beautiful hills in view. Saw the U. S. A. warship base; watched passengers transported to small steam boats for France. Dancing followed later in the evening. Saturday, March 5, we arrived in Southampton, and for the first time saw the green hills of England and the magnificent bay of Southampton. Here we saw thirteen British torpedo boats, and in the evening we boarded a queer-looking passenger train for London. On the way to the metropolis of the world we passed many beautiful and interesting villages. When we arrived in the crowded city everyone began to scramble for their luggage, and soon were settled in taxis bound for the Hotel Savoy and were shown to rooms on the fourth floor, which were beautifully furnished and very pleasant throughout.

G. B. HAWKES SAVES \$500 WHEN WOMAN COMPANION SCREAMS

G. B. Hawkes, Harbor City, was held up by masked bandits Saturday night when walking along Weston street in company with Miss Catherine Cutting. According to reports from Harbor City two masked bandits, both armed with blue steel pistols, jumped out of an automobile and, sticking guns in Mr. Hawkes' face, commanded him to throw up his hands. Miss Cutting, it is reported, screamed for help. A passing machine answered her pleas and the bandits fled when they saw assistance coming.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the second installment of the 1920-1921 taxes is now due and payable at the office of the County Tax Collector, W. O. Welch, at Los Angeles. In order to avoid penalty upon same, taxes must be paid before April 26, 1921. This office will be glad to give any information possible which may assist property holders in sending in their payments.

All purchasers of property on contract should make return of the property to the County Assessor so that in the future property will be assessed in their name on the tax roll and bills made direct to them.

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The precocious infant had just returned from his first day at school registering intense ennui. The anxious family gathered around.

"Donald," asked his mother, "what did you learn today?"

"Nothing."

"What, nothing at all?"

"Nope; there was a woman there who wanted to know how to spell cat, so I told her. That's all."

MOTHER-IN-LAW

In an Ohio cemetery stands a monument on which is carved these words: "Here Lies the Best-Mother-in-Law God Ever Made." Not always has the mother-in-law been so honored, even though millions of them deserve to be. Too often they have been made the brunt of jokes by shallow-brained jokesters and thin-brained cartoonists. But when someone is sick in your family is there any joke about the way mother-in-law hurries in and, like a good Samaritan, battles tirelessly against disease and death? You bet there's no joke about it. Who is the only one who cares enough to give help when your wife is head-over-heels with house-cleaning; who volunteers to stay and keep the children while you and the wife amble out to visit friends? You know, and every sensible man knows. And that's why we ought to have a lot of respect for the Ohio man who honored his mother-in-law with a headstone that was appropriate. That's why we mark up as ignorant, brainless and generally a dead-beat of the worst type the chap who writes or tells a joke at the expense of a mother-in-law.

RAISE OVER \$90 AT DANCE

The big "Hawaiian Dance" last Saturday night proved to be the big success that was predicted. Everyone in Lomita boosted for this affair, and it shows that the old spirit of putting over successful gatherings has not died out in the least. The New York battleship musicians came early in the evening—ten in number—and furnished the music, and those Hawaiian boys certainly know how to "jazz" the crowd into having a good time, with "dull care" forced away in the rear. People were there from Los Angeles, San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita. The hall was jammed all evening, and it was difficult to dance with ease due to the overcrowded hall. Everyone present had a word of praise for the excellent music and the good time they enjoyed. Over \$90 was raised and the plan is to have another dance in a month.

USING COMMON SENSE

With the return of nice warm days and the roads again getting back into decent condition, many are returning to the auto, and auto visitors are commencing to make their appearance in the community in goodly numbers. So a word about reckless driving right here at the opening of the season may not be a bad idea.

In a good many sections police judges and magistrates take away the license of the reckless driver, and if their case is chronic, if they show no desire to abide by the law and drive carefully and at a reasonable rate of speed, they've got a car for sale. It is said to work in every community in which it has been tried, for very few drivers want to lose either their car or the right to drive it.

But common sense ought to teach a man that reckless driving isn't destined to increase his popularity in the neighborhood, and that in the eyes of the general public he never has any business so important but he can drive about it in a sensible, safe and sane way. We are probably going to have just as many auto accidents, and there will probably be just as many killed and maimed in America this spring and summer as there were last. And that means thousands. But why can't we resolve to at least keep our section free from accidents and make our people safe from injury by each driver pledging himself down deep in his heart that he will drive even more carefully this season than he did last, and that he will be just as considerate of other drivers by helping them to keep the same kind of a pledge.

"To what do you attribute your wonderful cure," asked a man of his friend, who said he had had a very remarkable cure. "I don't exactly know yet," he said. "There are several patent medicine concerns I have not yet heard from."

"How much are your chops?" asked the little girl.

"Twenty cents," replied the butcher.

"And your steak?"

"Twenty-three cents."

"Chicken?"

"Twenty-five."

"Oh, dear, mother can't afford that," said the perplexed little girl.

"Well, what would like?" asked the butcher kindly.

"I'd like a liverside, but my mother wants five cents worth of liver."

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